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The Proposed Hospital.

The announcement first made in The W. J. and Courier some days ago that a movement was on foot to establish a hospital in this city immediately attracted the attention of the people. The suggestion was most favorably received and culminated in a public meeting Thursday afternoon, at which the success of the project was assured. A comprehensive report of the meeting is given in another column of this issue. It was a most enthusiastic gathering and demonstrated the fact that the object which appeals to the public spirit of Bangor always meets with a ready response. The fund now pledged amounts to about \$18,000 and it will grow fast as there are many others in the city who will be glad to add so worthy a project. The beneficial results to follow the establishment of a hospital in this city have already been set forth in the columns of The W. J. and Courier. The movement is a most commendable one and the interest taken in it by our people, generally is alike creditable to their generosity as individuals and public spirit as citizens who have at heart the welfare of their fellow men. To those young ladies who inaugurated the movement the highest mood of praise is due. They took the first step essential in the project and the people have done the rest. The movement is dominated by no particular actor or branch of medical ethics, but involves the hearty co-operation of all citizens in the broadest sense of the word.

Campaign Misrepresentation.

After the stroke of the battle has faded away the unprincipled observer will have to admit that his campaign of excusation on the part of the Democratic organs generated into a campaign of misrepresentation. False statements about the provisions of the new tariff law and the false cry of increased prices were used to alarm the people, the papers relying on the fact that there was not sufficient time to counteract this method of attack. A direct issue of Democratic policy was the control of a great number of city papers of large circulation which as the organs of the importers and traders in foreign goods, openly spread free trade doctrines and misrepresentments. The victory such as it is founded on deception and fraud and will be wiped out in 1892. Indeed the sweeping re-election of Obey and the overthrow of the Democratic State Government in Iowa and California in which states the same Republican stanchions that characterized the Maine election was noticeable, show that the old year losses are of an ephemeral character.

Their Share of It.

Our Democratic friends in this city had a "publicizing meeting" last evening. About the only time a Maine Democrat has an opportunity to show is when some other fellow wins a victory. In September when Mason took a hand in the contest the Democrats did not shout after the election. For some weeks prior to the election they did considerable hustling, but it was quickly drowned out by the shower of ballots. Practically our friends say to the brethren in other states, you furnish the votes and we will supply the wind. Even on his back however, it is so seldom that they have an opportunity to use their lungs that no one will be grieved them the little pow-wow last night. Our advice to them is to make the most of the present break, it will be promptly replaced in 1892 when the Republicans will not only elect their President but regain the House.

The Elections.

(Belfast Journal)

The Democratic success has been helped by local causes, in some instances by unfortunate Republican nominations, as in Pennsylvania, and in some by ceaseless and unscrupulous Republican divisions, as in the Eleventh District in this State. So far it is attributable to the tariff discussion. It does not signify a change of popular sentiment upon the broad question of the protective policy, but it is a tribute rather to the ingenuity, versatility and persistency of the Democratic campaign of misrepresentation and deceit. The Democratic methods throughout the country have been essentially the same. They have consisted of invasions about "McKinley prices," without regard to the provisions of the tariff, attacks upon Speaker Reed and the Federal Election bill, and a skillful and unscrupulous playing upon local discontent of every kind.

When we add to the disadvantage incident to the short interval between the taking effect of the tariff law and the election the fact that more than twenty Southern districts, naturally Republican, are held by the Democrats by force and fraud, and that Democratic legislatures in three States have garrisoned the Congressional districts to seize political supremacy, we obtain light on the causes which have contributed to the present result.

The situation justifies regret, but not discouragement. A Democratic House in the Fifty-second Congress may obstruct public business, but a Republican Senate and a Republican President will limit its capacity for mischief. Reckless disturbances of the industries of the country will thus be checked. Democratic ascendancy in the House is likely to prove again, as in the past an open lesson of Democratic incapacity and of the dangers of intrusting power to the Democratic party. The new tariff will have ample vindication itself before another election comes around. That election, moreover, will be held under a new apportionment, and most probably under new safeguards for the protection of the ballot. Circumstances may yet prove that, for the Republican party, so far as the triumph of its principles and candidates in 1892 is concerned, the result was more favorable than if the House were to be Republican in the Fifty-second Congress by a slender margin.

(Portland Press)

It unfortunately happened that the McKinley bill had been in force long enough before the election to permit a demonstration of its effect. The conditions of business had been somewhat altered by it, and the effect of these alterations had passed beyond the sphere of speculation. This fact of itself would undoubtedly have worked some harm to the party responsible for the measure. But this uncertainty and natural distrust were persistently and maliciously aggravated also, increased by misrepresentation and falsehood. Men of high standing in the community day after day upon the stamp market, by misrepresentation of them, and

not frequently be held by day, to tell the idea that the effect of the bill would be to increase enormously the price of living, and to deprive the laboring man of many comforts to which he had become accustomed.

It was represented that the bill discriminated against the poor and in favor of the rich, and that its purpose was to crush out individual enterprise by building up vast monopolies. Newspapers of large circulation throughout the land joined with these stamp dealers in this indiscriminate work, and day after day were plastered all over with false statements that the prices of such and such articles had gone up on account of the McKinley bill, and were destined to rise still higher. To run down even a small part of the lies that we were told about the bill in the last month before election was impossible.

A very large number of voters were electing day came over in a state of panic, and they did what was natural under the circumstances, voted again the party which was responsible or the law with which they had been instructed to believe would bring upon them all sorts of ill. Hence the explanation of the Republican defeat. A sudden outburst of public feeling brought about largely by persistent misrepresentation accounts for the overturn. Two years hence the party will be ever, reason will have rendered her wary, and the sober thought of the country will rebuke the me and the party that have sought temporary success through misrepresentation and deceit.

Special Notices.

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